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Tuesday, the 9th August 1938|25th Karkatakam 1113.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar, K. C. I. E., the Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN.

The following member took the oath and signed the Rolls.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The State Transport Buses.

13. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether the State Transport Department is exempted from the Motor Vehicles Regulation;

(*b*) whether overloads are allowed to be carried in the Transport buses;

(*c*) the seating capacity of a Transport bus;

(*d*) whether the Transport buses are at present having G permits and T. V. R. numbers;

(*e*) whether the Police Traffic Department is having any scrutiny over the State Transport, and, if so, whether their powers are in any way restricted;

(*f*) whether the Transport buses are duly registered and subjected to all the incidence of private buses plying for hire; and

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(*g*) whether all the tolls levied on private buses plying for hire are levied on the Transport buses as well ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The Motor Vehicles Regulation is generally applicable to the vehicles of the State Transport Department.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Twenty-three sitting and five standing.

(*d*) Transport buses are exempted from the necessity of having G permits.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Steps are in progress for the registration of the buses but they are not subjected to all the incidence of private buses plying for hire.

(*g*) Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know which are the clauses of the Motor Vehicles Regulation from which the Transport buses are exempted ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : There are several clauses from which the Transport buses have been exempted. But I shall cite one or two instances. The Police Department need not check nor conduct half-yearly inspection of the Transport buses. G permits need not be issued nor should the Police Department issue licenses to the conductors.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the Government are aware that overloads are taken in all the Transport buses.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : The Government are not aware of such a circumstance, nor have complaints been made to Government about it.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know who checks overloads ? Is it the Traffic Department ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : The Traffic Department, as I have already said, Sir, has nothing to do with Transport buses.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the Traffic Department is authorised to charge Transport buses provided they are found to contain overloads ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : I have already said that the Transport buses have been exempted generally from certain specific provisions under the Motor Vehicles Regulation and one of them is that the Police Department need not exercise any control over those buses.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: So, am I to understand that, even if there are overloads in the Transport buses, the Traffic Department is not allowed to take notice of them?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The Government would take very drastic action if their attention has been drawn to such cases of infringement of rules.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I take it that the Traffic Department has no control over the Transport buses in case of overload?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Are not the seats in the Transport buses intended for seating the passengers? Are there not standing passengers as well in the Transport buses?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Honourable members who have used the buses can very well appreciate the allotment of seats for the use of passengers who stand.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government are aware that the passengers standing in the buses in the pathways cause considerable inconvenience to the passengers who are seated in the buses?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: It has not been brought to the notice of Government that serious inconvenience is caused on that account to the passengers.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Transport buses have T. V. R. numbers so that the public could identify the buses?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The granting of T. V. R. numbers is under correspondence with the Commissioner of Police. I understand from the Commissioner that the T. V. R. numbers will be issued to the Transport Superintendent without delay.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Is it not necessary that those numbers should appear in such a way as to be identified by the public?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: At present there are distinguishing numbers assigned to Transport buses and the public can easily distinguish between one bus and another.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the C. P. numbers are made in the buses so that one bus may be identified from the other?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: With reference to the answer to part (g), may I know whether the Transport buses have to pay Municipal fees?

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Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the buses are registered under the Municipal Regulation?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: They are Government buses and, as such, are exempted from registration.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): May I know whether it is legal to exempt anybody from the operation of the Municipal Regulation?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I believe Government property is exempt from the payment of such fees.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Have the Government taken legal advice in regard to the matter?

President: Question No. 14 please.

Complaints re *the capacity of the pattapara of the Trippunittura Devaswom.*

14. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received resolutions passed by a public meeting held on the 1st of Kumbham 1113 in the Vatayampady V. P. grant-in-aid school under the presidency of the Rev. Father T. J. Gheevarughese and a memorandum prepared in accordance with the resolutions referred to above;

(*b*) whether these resolutions and memorandum forwarded to the Government by the Rev. Father Gheevarughese relate to the complaints of the people of Vatayampady, Veloor and other places with regard to the capacity of the *pattapara* (പട്ടപ്പറ) of the Trippunittura Devaswom belonging to the Cochin State;

(*c*) whether the capacity of the *pattapara* referred to in a part (*b*) has already been fixed to be 13⅝ idamgazhies as per standard measure:

(*d*) whether any attempt is being made by the Jenmikaram Settlement Office to change its capacity to a higher rate than 13⅝ idamgazhies;

(*e*) whether the capacity of the *pattapara* referred to above has been described to be 15 idamgazhies as per the *agrasala* measure;

(*f*) whether 15 idamgazhies *agrasala* is equal to 12 idamgazhies as per standard measure;

(*g*) whether the Trippunittura Devaswom claims to possess many *patta paras* of different capacities;

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